

Amendments to the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 30 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 5, the post 66 has a spheroid-shaped member 66 defined therein. Illustratively, the spheroid-shaped member 66 is configured as a ball having a sufficiently spherical shape to facilitate attachment and detachment of center tube 24 to and from cap 22. The detent button 52 is configured to contact the spheroid-shaped member 68 when the detent button 52 is depressed by a user. Specifically, as shown in FIG. 5, the end portion 54 of the detent button 52 has an concave, arcuate surface 70 defined therein. The arcuate surface 70 substantially conforms to the outer convex spherical axial end surface of the spheroid-member 68. As such, the force generated by the user depressing the detent button 52 may be effectively transferred to the spheroid-member 68 and hence the center tube 24.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7 as follows:

The post 66 comprises a base 88 and a neck-down portion 89 interconnecting the base 88 and the spheroid-shaped member 68, as shown, for example, in Fig. 5. The base 88 is secured to the tube body 34 between a perforated sleeve 90 of the tube body 34 and an imperforate sleeve 91. The perforated sleeve 90 defines the orifices 38. The imperforate sleeve 91 and a flange 92 extending radially outwardly therefrom surround the post 66. The post 66 and the tube body 34 are coaxial relative to an axis 93. A closure portion or wall secured to the post 66 and the tube body 34 closes an end opening of the perforated sleeve 90 without use of the post 66 to block fluid communication between filtered fluid located within the filter 20 and unfiltered fluid located outside the filter 20.